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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PREL, NS, NL  
 SUBJECT: DUTCH AMBASSADOR ON SITUATION IN SURINAME

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR VAN HOUTEN BELIEVES THAT  
SURINAMESE GENOCIDAL ATROCITIES AGAINST BUSH NEGROES  
FOR EASTERN SURINAME ARE HAVING A DISTURBING EFFECT  
 IN PARAMARIBO, BOTH WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND AMONG  
 THE PUBLIC, AND ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THE CURRENT  
 JITTERINESS AS WELL AS FOR RUMORS OF A CRACKDOWN IN  
 THE FORM OF ARRESTS OF DISIDENTS. (SEPTEL).

3. AS ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAN  
 DEN BROEK, VAN HOUTEN HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO  
 EXPRESS GON'S GREAT CONCERN AT THE REPORTS OF  
 INDISCRIMINATE KILLINGS BY THE ARMY. IN A MEETING  
 WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS  
 VAN HOUTEN WAS REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER HERRENBURG,  
 WHO FIRST SCHEDULE AND THEN CANCELLED AN APPOINTMENT.  
 RADHAKISHUN SHARED WITH VAN HOUTEN HIS OWN SENSE OF  
 INSECURITY AND CONCERN AT THE TREND OF EVENTS  
 INDICATED BY THE ACTIONS AGAINST THE BUSH NEGROES.  
EITHER RADHAKISHUN OR ANOTHER DUTCH SOURCE CLAIMED  
THAT HERRENBURG HAD SAID THAT SURINAME WOULD HAVE A  
"RED CHRISTMAS". TRUE OR NOT, SUCH REPORTS CIRCULATE  
 QUICKLY, VAN HOUTEN NOTED.

4. VAN HOUTEN SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD  
 APPARENTLY SAID SOMETHING IN PUBLIC ABOUT AN EVACUATION  
 OF DUTCH NATIONALS FROM SURINAME, AND THAT HAS  
 GENERATED A NEW WAVE OF INQUIRIES FROM ANROOOS  
 SURINAMESE HAVING OR CLAIMING DUTCH NATIONALITY.  
 HE ESTIMATES AT 6,000 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HE  
 WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AFTER IN AN EMERGENCY. BARBOUR  
 END OF MESSAGE  
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